MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

TO:

Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

April 16, 2013

FROM:

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution establishing the Dr.

Antonio Jorge Award

Proclamation Recognizing Local

Economic Development Achievement and Honoring Ralph Sanchez, Founder of the Homestead-Miami Speedway, as

the first honoree

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto and Co-Sponsors Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

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| | "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised |
| | 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing |
| | 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing |
| - | Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget |
| | Budget required |
| | Statement of fiscal impact required |
| | Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing |
| | No committee review |
| | Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's, 3/5's, unanimous) to approve |
| | Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required |

| Approved | Mayor | Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4) |
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| Veto | | 4-16-13 |
| Override | | |

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DR. ANTONIO JORGE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AWARD LOCAL **ECONOMIC** DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT **AND** HONORING RALPH SANCHEZ, FOUNDER OF THE **FIRST** HOMESTEAD-MIAMI SPEEDWAY, AS THE HONOREE

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade residents who positively contribute to the local economy should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, significant development in business, arts, sports or other sectors may spur the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph Sanchez, the founder of the Homestead-Miami Speedway who recently passed away, contributed significantly to the Miami-Dade economy by popularizing and bringing motor sports to the County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanchez was the force behind bringing the NASCAR and Grand Prix races to the County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanchez is credited with establishing South Florida as one of auto racing's premier destinations and helping to revitalize the Homestead area following the devastating effects of Hurricane Andrew; and

WHEREAS, various news reports have heralded Mr. Sanchez as a Miami racing legend; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio Jorge, who passed away in 2012, was a former chairperson of the County's Social and Economic Development Council ("the Council"), acclaimed university professor, and author of numerous academic works regarding economic issues and trends in Cuba and Latin America, foreign investment and international trade; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners commended Dr. Jorge's work by renaming the Council as the Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jorge was a prominent scholar and economist, who contributed significantly to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to honor Dr. Jorge's legacy by naming an award proclamation recognizing local economic contribution after him,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

<u>Section 1:</u> Establishes the Dr. Antonio Jorge Award Proclamation Recognizing Local Economic Development Achievement ("the Award Proclamation").

Section 2: Recognizes Mr. Ralph Sanchez's invaluable contribution to the County's economy and hereby honors Mr. Ralph Sanchez, in memoriam, through this resolution, with the 2013 Dr. Antonio Jorge Award Proclamation Recognizing Local Economic Development Achievement.

<u>Section 3:</u> Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee, beginning in 2014, to annually recommend to the Board of County Commissioners a Miami-Dade resident who has contributed greatly to the County's economy to receive this Award Proclamation.

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The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner

and upon being put to a vote,

the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. Audrey M. Edmonson Barbara J. Jordan Dennis C. Moss Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

| By: | |
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| Deputy Clerk | |

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Estephanie Resnik

